



# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)


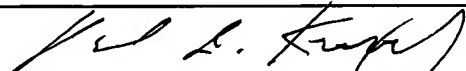
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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| To: <b>Commissioner for Patents</b><br><b>Box RCE</b><br><b>PO Box 1450</b><br><b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b>  |  | Attorney Docket No.:1614.1356 |                |
| First Named Inventor   | Kaoru USUI, et al.   |                               |                |
| Application No.  | 10/639,467   | Group Art Unit                | 3663           |
| Filing Date  | August 13, 2003  | Examiner                      | Bolda, Eric L. |
| CPA Filing Date  |  | Confirmation No               | 6110           |
| Title of Invention   | OPTICAL AMPLIFYING APPARATUS FOR WAVELENGTH DIVISION<br>MULTIPLEXED SIGNALS (Title as Amended) |                               |                |
| This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.  |  |                               |                |
| 1.<br><b>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)</b>   |  |                               |                |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted  |  |                               |                |
| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>May 23, 2008</u><br>(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  |  |                               |                |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____  |  |                               |                |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |  |                               |                |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed   |  |                               |                |
| i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply  |  |                               |                |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)   |  |                               |                |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)   |  |                               |                |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |  |                               |                |
| 2.<br><b>Miscellaneous</b>   |  |                               |                |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required). |  |                               |                |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |  |                               |                |

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|   |   | BASIC FEE |                  | \$            | 810.00     |
| Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>April 23, 2008</u> ,<br>petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this<br>RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2<br>months (\$460)); (3 months (\$1,050)); (4 months (\$1,640)); (5 months<br>(\$2,230):   |   |           |                  |               | 460.00     |
| Suspension Fee (\$130.00)   |   |           |                  |               |            |
| Total of above Calculations =   |   |           |                  |               | \$ 1270.00 |
| Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).   |   |           |                  |               |            |
| TOTAL FEES DUE =  |   |           |                  |               | \$ 1270.00 |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status:<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such<br>status is still proper and desired.<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed.<br>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:   |   |           |                  |               |            |
| <b>6. METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>   |   |           |                  |               |            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>\$1270.00</u> is enclosed.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is<br>enclosed.)   |   |           |                  |               |            |
| <b>7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION</b>   |   |           |                  |               |            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees)<br>or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit<br>hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to:<br><b>Deposit Account No. 19-3935.</b> |   |           |                  |               |            |
| <b>8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>  |   |           |                  |               |            |
| STAAS & HALSEY LLP<br><br><b>21171</b><br>PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE  |   |           |                  |               |            |
| <b>9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>   |   |           |                  |               |            |
| NAME  | Paul I. Kravetz   |           | REGISTRATION NO. | 35,230        |            |
| SIGNATURE   |  |           | DATE             | June 23, 2008 |            |